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UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Yellow fever at Whistler, Ala.

MOBILE, ALA., January 4, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to state that there was a death from yellow fever (Mrs. R.) at Whistler, Ala., on December 27, and that another adult case occurred last week. There were several other recognized cases there during December.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. D. MURRAY,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Birmingham, Ala.

[Telegram.]

WASHINGTON, December 31, 1897.

Have request from mayor of Birmingham, seconded by State health officer and the governor, for service action in suppressing smallpox in Birmingham, Ala. When relieved by Stewart proceed immediately to Birmingham, confer with Mayor Evans. Make full report upon the whole situation, and recommendations.

WYMAN,
Surgeon-General.

Passed Assistant-Surgeon MAGRUDER,
Marine-Hospital Service, Memphis, Tenn.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., January 4, 1898.

SIR: In obedience to your telegraphic order of December 31, I reached this city to-day, and after a visit to the quarantine hospital in company with Mayor Evans and City Physician Wilder, I inquired as thoroughly as the limited time would allow into the existing status of the smallpox epidemic.

The quarantine camp is located $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the city and consists of one ward, 20 by 100 feet; two buildings of four rooms each (rooms 16 by 18 feet); a small kitchen and storeroom, and three or four wall tents. The buildings are badly constructed, of the worst material and are all overcrowded. About one-half mile from the quarantine hospital is located Camp Evans, in which persons who have been exposed to infection or who had not been vaccinated prior to exposure are detained sixteen days before being discharged. They are housed in a frame building 20 by 40 feet, and a smaller building is used as kitchen and quarters for guards. Both camps are under the general control of Dr. Wilder, city physician, who visits them daily. An undergraduate in medicine is in immediate charge at each camp.

The disease has existed here in epidemic form since the middle of July, and the total number of cases to date is 406. Total number of deaths, 15; total number treated in camp, 375; total number treated at home, 31; total number now in camp, 85.